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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 7620-X06-005 U.S. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (37 CFR 1.5) <b>10/569006</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2004/012079	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 23 August 2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 22 August 2003
TITLE OF INVENTION IMMERSION NOZZLE FOR CONTINUOUS CASTING OF STEEL AND CONTINUOUS STEEL CASTING METHOD USING SAME		
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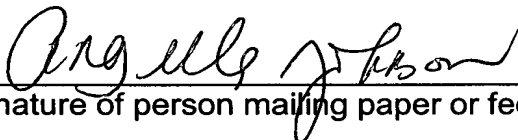
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